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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 22, and 23 have been amended, claims 3 and 5 have been canceled and claim 25 has been added, leaving claims 1, 2, 4, and 6-25 for consideration upon entry of this amendment. Support for the amendment to claims 1, 22 and 23 is found in paragraph [0009]. Support for the new claim 25 may be found in paragraph [0016]. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,039,575 to Mori et al. (hereinafter referred to as Mori).

As discussed by the Examiner, Mori discloses a resin composition containing aromatic polyetherketone, polytetrafluoroethylene, and metal fluoride. The composition may additionally contain stearamide. The Examiner has asserted that the pending claims are obvious because Mori discloses that the polyetherketone may additionally contain repeating units comprising sulfone functional groups and this teaching renders the use of polysulfone and/or polyethersulfone obvious. While Applicants disagree, Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim polysulfones and polyethersulfones. In light of the Amendment Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,437,031. Applicants will be happy to provide a terminal disclaimer once all other rejections have been overcome.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance is requested.

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